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SUBJ: POUCH DELAYS

REF: BTN 430, A-1229 DATED FEBRUARY 25, 1975

1. POST NOTES CONTINUING UNEXPLAINED DELAYS IN RECEIPT OF AIR
POUCHED ITEMS AND SUGGESTS REVIEW OF PRESENT POUCHING PROCEDURES
MAY BE IN ORDER.

2. AS POINTED OUT IN REFTTEL, THE POST HAS HAD CASE AFTER CASE OF
ITEMS BEING DELIVERED SEVERAL WEEKS AFTER DRAFTING DATE IN A
POUCH THAT HAS ONLY 3 DAYS TRANSIT TIME. THIS SEEMS TO US TO
INDICATE THAT THE PROBLEM IS AN INTERNAL ONE AND HAS NOTHING TO
DO WITH POUCH TRANSIT TIME. IN NO CASE WAS THERE ANY INDICATION
THAT THE ITEMS HAD BEEN ORIGINALLY MISSENT.

3. THE LATEST CASE DIRECTLY AFFECTING POST OPERATIONS OR POLICY
IS THAT OF REPAIR DATED FEBRUARY 25; IT TRANSMITTED ARTICLES
PREPARED BY U.S. SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE TO LOS NEGOTIATIONS WITH
REQUEST THAT ARTICLE BE DELIVERED ASAP TO INTERESTED GOB
OFFICIALS. UNFORTUNATELY, IT WAS NOT RECEIVED UNTIL MARCH 17,
OR SEVERAL DAYS AFTER THE DEPARTURE OF GOB DELEGATION TO LOS
CONFERENCE. POUCH K-2115, INVOICE A-24 CONTAINING REPAIR WAS
DISPATCHED MARCH 13 AND RECEIVED AT POST ON MARCH 17. SUGGEST
THAT THE DEPARTMENT REVIEW POUCHING OPERATION TO ATTEMPT DETER-
MINE WHERE THIS AIRGRAM WAS BETWEEN FEBRUARY 25 AND MARCH 13.
SUCH DELAYS ARE ALL TOO FREQUENT AND SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCE THE
EFFECTIVENESS OF THE DEPARTMENT'S POUCH SERVICE.

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